

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 378

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Douglas Carl Gilmore of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Douglas Carl Gilmore; and

WHEREAS, he was a native of Wichita, Kansas, who made Nashville his home, and there he lived his immense life to the fullest, with an abundance of love, fire, and zeal for all of his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Doug Gilmore's career flowed from his love and mastery of many aspects of music, and his legacy in country music can be realized throughout the last half of the twentieth century. His later years were spent promoting music and performers that he loved, especially through festivals and celebrations; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1958 and was a quarterback for the school's 1955 Gator Bowl Championship team; and

WHEREAS, he launched his career in music by managing the career of award-winning artist Roger Miller through his years of phenomenal success, during which time Mr. Gilmore developed deep and lasting friendships with Mr. Miller and his drummer, J. I. Allison; in time, Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Allison became successful co-writers and producers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilmore managed and worked with some of the greatest singers and songwriters of his time, including Delaney and Bonnie Bramlett, Sonny Curtis, Leon Russell, and Mickey Newbury; and

WHEREAS, as a music director and producer, Mr. Gilmore worked with John Denver, worked with Meredith Wilson on the movie *Semi Tough*, produced the music for *The Sonny & Cher Show* (together and singularly), and co-wrote and co-produced nineteen one-hour television shows for Dean Martin Productions called *Music Country* featuring the first music

videos of Johnny Cash, June Carter Cash, Kris Kristofferson, Marty Robbins, Loretta Lynn, Conway Twitty, Ray Stevens, Lynn Anderson, Jerry Reed, George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Waylon Jennings, Tom T. Hall, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Doug Gilmore was preceded in death by his parents, Gladys Inez Adams Gilmore and William Bell Gilmore; and his chosen brother, Delaney Bramlett; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by brothers James Gilmore and Stewart Holdsworth; his sons, Calvin and Mason Houghland, and their families; and his daughter, Kellye. Also surviving are family members Aunt Juanita, Winifred Holcomb, Charlie Holcomb and his fiancée, Erin Hornsby; in addition to his cousins and his friend and assistant, Leslie Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Doug Gilmore leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional talented artist and kindest of human beings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Douglas Carl Gilmore, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Gilmore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.